



summer 2003 programs



# Safe Passages & Passport to Work

**The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation** is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the long-term needs of children, youth, and families in the District of Columbia through strategic alliances with private and public entities.

**The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services'** Office of Youth Programs develops and administers subsidized and unsubsidized programs for DC residents, age 14-21. Our programs are designed to educate, enhance, and encourage youth on all matters relative to their personal and professional development, including, but not limited to, financial management, employability skills, positive workplace attitudes, and work competencies.



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DC Children and Youth Investment  
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**Greg Roberts, Executive Director**

# Summer...

School is out. Days are long and lazy. Idle time reigns.

## **Opportunities are waiting to be explored.**

Without a safe and nurturing environment, many youngsters in the District of Columbia face challenges instead of opportunities. Each summer, thousands of the District's children and youth are left unsupervised to participate in unproductive and risky activities. Many younger children often go without breakfast or lunch. Fortunately, the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation and the Department of Employment Services have designed summer programs to empower, nurture, and safeguard our youth and, at the same time, benefit our community. The success of these programs relies heavily on the proactive participation of local businesses, such as yours, working in concert with the local government. Together, we can replace these challenges with opportunities that can help our children and youth plan productively for their future.

## **SAFE PASSAGES — 2003 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

**Partnership Works.** Collaboration among public agencies, private funders, and community-based organizations yields successful results for the District of Columbia Summer Enrichment programs. Various community-based organizations collaborate with DC Public Schools to provide safe havens for thousands of District children whose parents cannot afford private summer camps or full-time day care services. Our summer enrichment programs guarantee adult supervision for children, age 5–13, and ensure that:

- **Learning continues.** Children are tutored in math and reading.
- **Creativity soars.** Children are taught life and communication skills through arts, sports, and other activities.
- **Children eat.** Children are fed healthful meals, including breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
- **Peace of mind exists.** Children are safe and parents are less stressed.
- **Businesses prosper.** Barriers to employee productivity are significantly reduced when parents know their children are safe.

Local businesses and foundations such as the Freddie Mac Foundation, the Diane and Norman Bernstein Foundation, IBM, and the England Family Foundation have been active partners of our summer enrichment programs. The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation is committed to serve 6,000 children this summer. Each program lasts six weeks and commences June 30 to August 8.

## PASSPORT TO WORK — 2003 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

**Prepared Youths become Prepared Adults.** Professional people are compelling examples for young people. Learning the value of working for earnings can literally transform the lives of many young adults in the District. Our Summer Youth Employment Program is a five-week temporary employment and job readiness initiative designed to assist youth, between the ages of 14 – 21, explore career opportunities, gain invaluable work experience, and be compensated for work performed.

By investing in our youth, local businesses are investing in the District's economic workforce. Local businesses such as MCI Center, Pepco, Verizon, Howard University Hospital, Union Station, and Domestic Financial are some of our "Youth Champions" who have hired and supported young workers in the past. We are committed to placing 4,000 youth in temporary employment or work experience this summer. The 2003 Summer Youth Employment Program begins July 7 and ends August 8. However, if you elect to hire a youth, the duration of employment would be based upon your company's needs and the participant's availability.

**Your Help is Key.** Local businesses can support the...

### **2003 Summer Enrichment Programs** by

- Funding a child to participate in six weeks of quality programs. \$1,000.
- Funding a classroom of children to experience a safe, unforgettable, and enlightening six weeks of skills development activities. \$25,000.

For more information, call 202-939-1390.

### **2003 Summer Youth Employment Program** by

- Becoming a **Youth Champion** and hire a youth worker for five weeks or more at a minimum of \$6.15 an hour; or sponsor a youth worker to work at a community organization for five weeks. \$1,000.

For more information, call 202-698-5242.





## MY PLEDGE TO HELP

Enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support:

- ☐ Fund a Child (\$1,000 each)      Or      ☐ Fund a Classroom of Children (\$25,000 each)
- ☐ Be a Youth Champion (\$1,000 per youth worker)

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make donations payable to the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Room 500, Washington D.C. 20036. Donations must be received by June 15. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law.*

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## EMPOWERING YOUNG ADULTS

Complete the information below and mail to D.C. Department of Employment Services, 64 New York Avenue N.E., Room 3001, Washington D.C. 20002. Or, call the Summer Jobs Hotline at 202-698-5242.

I would like to hire \_\_\_\_\_ youth(s) through the Passport to Work Summer Jobs Program.

Positions Available \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly Wage \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact Me \_\_\_\_\_